



2022 Maryland Candidate Survey

State Legislative District 5

The Maryland Council for American Private Education (CAPE) advocates for the interests of the 125,000-plus nonpublic students in Maryland and their families. We invited all gubernatorial and General Assembly candidates to respond to a brief candidate survey (“support” or “oppose”), and provide a brief comment on each answer, on critical issues for non-public schools in Maryland. All of the survey responses and election links are online at www.mdnonpubs.org.

Election Day is Nov. 8 (early voting Oct. 27-Nov. 3)

NOTE: Some districts have new boundaries due to redistricting

Response key:

S: agree; **O:** disagree; - : no response | D: Democrat | R: Republican
Full questions and written comments follow the chart below.

District	Office	Party	Candidate	Non-public School Aid	Public \$ are Only for Pub Schools	Education Scholarships	BOOST	Capital Dollars
	Governor	R	Dan Cox	S	O	S	S	S
		D	Wes Moore	Did not submit a response				

5	Senator	R	Justin Ready	S	O	S	S	S
5	Delegate	R	Christopher Eric Bouchat	S	O	S	S	-
5	Delegate	R	April Rose	S	O	S	S	S
5	Delegate	R	Chris Tomlinson	S	O	S	S	S

MD CAPE does not endorse or oppose any candidate and no inference of endorsement or opposition should be concluded as a result of the information here.

2022 Candidate Questions | (Submitted responses on following pages)

1. Aid to Nonpublic Schools

Generally speaking, do you support or oppose state dollars going to nonprofit nonpublic schools to support educating the children who attend?

2. “Public Dollars”

Do you support or oppose the statement “Public dollars are only for public schools”?

3. Education Opportunity Scholarships

Do you support or oppose the statement “Parents should have the right to utilize the state dollars allocated for their child’s education at whatever school they choose for them, whether public, private or charter”?

4. BOOST Scholarship Program

Do you support or oppose funding for Maryland’s existing BOOST Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships to low-income students to be used to attend nonpublic schools, at its current levels for new students?

5. Capital Dollars for Private Schools

Do you support or oppose state support for infrastructure or security upgrades and maintenance being allocated to nonpublic schools in the state budget?

Open-ended Candidate Answers

District 5 State Senator Candidates

Justin Ready (R)

Q2: Public dollars: They aren't "public dollars," they are dollars that are given to government by taxpayers and it stands to reason that there should be some flexibility in getting the best education outcomes for our kids that includes helping offset private education as well as strongly supporting public schools.

District 5 State Delegate Candidates

Christopher Eric Bouchat (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: Competition drives achievement.

Q2: Public dollars: Competition drives achievement.

Q3: Educational scholarships: I did 1-8 grades in Catholic school and the County saved money yet didn't give my parents a tax break.

Q5: Capital dollars: Have to review the subject.

April Rose (R)

Q1: Aid to nonpublic schools: Parents should be able to choose where they want their children educated. State dollars are taxpayer dollars.

Q2: Public dollars: Public dollars are taxpayer dollars. Parents should be able to choose where they want their children educated. I would support vouchers and always support school choice.

Q3: Educational scholarships: I support this 100%.

Q4: BOOST: I support the BOOST program and would like to see it expanded. At the very least it should be protected at the current level. I have opposed and spoken against cutting this important program.

Gubernatorial Candidates

Dan Cox (R)

Q1: Nonpublic school aid: I support the dollars following the children by parental choice.

Q4: BOOST: And I would expand this program.